

OTTAWA HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION (OTTAWA HEA)

Fall & Winter Pant-a-thons, 2024-25 Raise Funds for College Food Cupboard

The first Pant-a-Thon that Ottawa HEA held at Algonquin College was in the Fall of 2016.



Eight years later, September 3 marked the start of the Fall 2024 Pant-a-Thon - the largest of three annual intake expectations of uniform pants to be hemmed. 700 pairs of pants hemmed in 3-4 days

Smaller student intakes occur for the Winter and Spring sessions – an estimated 200 pairs of pants were hemmed in Winter 2025, down from last year which reflects, in part, the change in foreign student enrollment.

Many Ottawa HEA members have become regular Pant-a-Thon volunteers including Ellen Boynton, P.H.Ec., Ellie Topp, P.H.Ec., Linda Reasbeck, P.H.Ec., Linda Robbins, P.H.Ec., Lynn Stewart, Mary Johnston, P.H.Ec., Luba Brown, Susan Thorne, Judy Leeson, Elizabeth Lee, P.H.Ec. Betty Young. Gail Nevraumont and Audrey Schreyer.



Pant-a-Thons give Ottawa HEA members and other volunteers an opportunity to contribute to the local community.

A \$10 charge for each pair of pants hemmed is included in tuition fees and, after expenses, these fees are donated to the Algonquin College Food Cupboard to help students in need. Pant-a-Thons also ensure that food and hospitality students have properly hemmed pants that contribute to their safety in the kitchen, sanitation, and professionalism. The event provides bonus socialization time for volunteers as they set-up-shop with their own machines convenient to students on campus.



On January 28th, Pant-a-Thon volunteers met at Restaurant International, Algonquin College, to celebrate the two latest Pant-a-Thons and to receive a donation cheque for the **Algonquin College Food Cupboard for \$7,445**. (\$5,760 from the Fall 2024 Pant-a-Thon and \$1,775 from the Winter 2025 Pant-a-Thon)

A huge thank you goes to dedicated Home Economists and especially to **Linda Robbins, P.H.Ec. Pant-a-Thon Coordinator** who initiated this project 8 years ago and expertly liaisons with Algonquin College to ensure it survives.

Submitted by Mary Carver, P.H.Ec. for Ottawa HEA.